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| Title: E-MAIL VIRUS PROTECTION SYSTEM | ) | |
| AND METHOD | ) | |

**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, and the Supplemental Office

Action mailed February 6, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as

follows:

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows. A copy of the amended claims marked to show

changes is attached hereto beginning on a separate sheet.

1. (Amended) A method for protecting a network from a virus contained in an e-mail

message as executable code, the method comprising:

(a) receiving the e-mail message in a gatekeeper server;

(b) converting the e-mail message from an executable format to a non-executable format

by using one of a plurality of conversion processes selected in accordance with a type of the e-

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